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Jordan Selected as DoDEA Japan Teacher of the Year

DoDEA Japan--Dr. Kitara D.M. Jordan, Kindergarten Teacher, Jack N. Darby Elementary School, Sasebo, Japan has been selected as the Teacher of the Year to represent the Japan District in the National Teacher of the Year Program.

Dr. Kitara D. M. Jordan has 18 years of teaching experience. Dr. Jordan joined DoDEA 5 years ago teaching kindergarten at Jack N. Darby Elementary School. Prior to coming to DoDEA, Dr. Jordan taught kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade, reading and math EIP (Early Intervention Program) at C. H. Gullatt Elementary School in Union City, Georgia. She was also the Primary CST (Curriculum Support Teacher) for Conley Hills Elementary School in East Point, Georgia. Both schools are a part of the Fulton County Schools in Atlanta, Georgia.

Upon graduating from A. E. Beach High School in Savannah, Georgia, Dr. Jordan attended college at Fort Valley State College where she received 2 bachelor degrees (BBA in Business Management and BS in Early

Childhood Education). She earned a Masters of Science in Elementary Education from Troy State University and received her Doctoral Degree in Child and Youth Studies from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Jordan believes in the power of global communal educational environments. Dr. Jordan was honored as well as overwhelmed when told that she won this award. She stated, “I am living proof that a strong communal educational support system can truly change a child’s life when we take a vested interest in our students.”

The Teacher of the Year Program is the oldest and most prestigious honors program to focus public attention on excellence in teaching. A panel of individuals who represented a cross section of the military and school community selected Dr. Jordan who addressed her philosophy of teaching, education trends and issues, and the teaching profession among other criteria in her application for this esteemed award.